is the extent of loss of property and whether Indian property was damaged? I would also like to know what action was taken by the Indian Government to claim compensation. Whether the Govt. have asked the united Nations compensation Commission to pay compensation?

MR. CHAIRMAN: We are discussing about humanitarian aid and not about compensation.

श्री रफीक आलम : चेयरमेन सर, मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि भारत सरकार क्या आइंदा इस सिलसिले में कोई कदम उठाने जा रही है, खासकर के दवाइयों के सिलसले में, खाने और कपड़े के सिलसिले में? चूंकि इराक हमारा दोस्त रहा है और हमेशा, कश्मीर के मसले में भी, इराक ने हमारा साथ दिया है तो आज हमारा फर्ज बनता है कि हम उनकी हर तरह की मदद करें। क्या भारत सरकार इस सिलसिले में कोई कार्यवाही करने जा रही है?

†شری رفیق عالم : چیئرمین سر، میں منتری
سے جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ بھارت سرکار کیا کا
اس سلسلہ میں کرنے قدم اٹھانے جا رہی
خاص کر دوائیوں کے سلسلہ میں، کھانے
کپڑے کے سلسلہ میں، چونکہ عراق ہمارا
دوست رہا ہے اور ہمیں کشمیر کے مسئلہ
میں بھی عراق نے ہمارا ساتھ دیا ہے تو آج
ہمارا فرض بنتا ہے کہ ہم ان کی ہر طرح کی مدد
کریں۔ کیا ہماری سرکار اس سلسلہ میں کوئی
کارروائی کرنے جا رہی ہے۔

SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI : Sir, India's sympathies have always been with Iraqi population. We have been trying as far as practicable to help them. But it is also for Iraq to purchase food and medicines. They are permitted to sell oil, from the revenue of which they can purchase food and medicines for their people. They have also to make efforts.

†[ ] Transliation in Arabic Script.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q. No. 343.

Planning Commission's concurrence on construction of National highways

*343. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concurance of Planning commission is being obtained in cases of new national highways, namely, (i) Chitradurga-Shimoga Mercara-Tellichery and (ii) Bangalore-Kanakpura-Mysore-Calicut; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No. Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : I remember very well, while discussing about the National Highway, the Road Development Plan of India had actually decided to construct 60000 kms. of national highway. It was decided to construct 3900 kms. of highway in Karnataka alone. Until today, only 1997 kms. have been constructed so far. From the reply of the Minister, I feel that the Surface Transport Ministry is actually sleeping and has not yet woken up from its slumber. Last week also, there was a question on this subject which was not reached. This week when the question comes, the Ministry comes out with a stock reply, "No", Sir, 'Does not arise'. My question is: whether the concurrence of the Planning commission is being sought. They say, 'no'. I have a copy of the letter of his predecessor to the Chief Minister of Karnataka wherein he has written—this is a letter dated 20th June, 1990. I may be permitted to quote, Sir. "You would be happy to note that we have already obtained the concurrence of the Planning Commission.... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Sir, what is this.... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Sir, the Minister is giving a wrong answer. The Planning Commission has already given its concurrence. His predecessor has written a letter to the Chief Minister Mr. Veerendra Patil to this effect. In view of this, will the Minister correct his answer.... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, on 12th April, 1990, this question had been raised in Lok Sabha and we had said that it was under active consideration. It is also true that the Planning commission

had given its concurrence in May, 1991. But when we referred it to the Finance Ministry, they raised certain observations....*(Interruptions)*

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Sir, the question is regarding the concurrence of the Planning Commission and now he is talking of the Finance Ministry....*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: I understand that. You let him answer....*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, we referred it to the Finance Ministry...*(interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is regarding the concurrence of the planning Commission. Read the question...*(interruptions)*

SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Sir, what is the answer? He has said 'No' in his reply...*(interruptions)*...

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, until and unless I complete my answer the question cannot be answered. I want to give step-by-step reply and in the end answer to what the gentlemen has asked.

Then the matter was referred to the Finance Ministry. They raised certain observation and then the proposal was discussed by the Director General, Road, Additional Secretary and the Secretary, Expenditure. They thought the Ministry of Finance said that the Planning Commission's approval had to be got a fresh. That is why, are we are waiting for the instructions from the Ministry of Finance with respect to the size of the Eighth Plan. Then only we can take a decision. So, it was cleared. Then again the finance Ministry has said, "Please refer back to the Planning Commission."

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you referred it to the Planning Commission ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: No, Sir, We are waiting for the Eitghth Plan's finances to be cleared. Then we would decide as to what we should do.

SHRI N.E. BALARAM: I would like to know what is the reply.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: I have not completed my second supplementary. Actually, the Minister has improved his answer only on the floor of the House. The question is: If the concurrence of the Planning Commission was already received—when he has got the information, what is wrong in giving that information earlier—the hon. Minister has referred it back to the Planning Commission. Some thing has gone wrong somewhere in appreciating this matter. That is why, I told that the Surface Transport Ministry was in deep sleep and was not looking into the paper. Actually, for every Plan, we will be anxious to know whether the Planning Commission will clear the matter. This Chitradurga-Tellichery road has been cleared by the Planning Commission earlier in 1990. Had the Ministry not proposed the financial allocation and other things before going to the Planning Commission? What was the final allocation proposed to complete this road which has been sent to the finance Ministry? What was the objection raised by the finance Ministry? What is the fresh proposal regarding this Chitrdurga-Tellichery road sent to the Planning Commission?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: We have sent seven proposals to the Planning Commission?

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: I want to know about this road in particular.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you sent a new proposal?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: We have asked for the approval of the Planning Commission.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then, it is being obtained and the answer 'no' is wrong.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: This is a misleading answer of the hon. Minister. He should have narrated the entire facts to the Planning Commission.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If all of you start speaking, we cannot hear anything.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: I said that initially we had taken it. But ultimately, the Finance Ministry rejected it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What are you doing after that?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Now again we will have to go the Planning Commission.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you not going?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Not as yet. We are waiting for the Eighth Five Year Plan allocation of funds. Then only

we will decide about which are the roads that are to be cleared.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : He has not said that the Finance Minister had rejected it. He has only said that the Finance Ministry had asked him to go again. It is not rejection. I am not raising any other issue. He has no business to refer it to the Finance Ministry once the Planning Commission has given its concurrence.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: No, Sir. Every road that has been cleared has to go to the Planning Commission for clearance.

SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY : The Planning Commission has given its concurrence.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Sorry, I didn't mean the Planning Commission. I meant the Finance Ministry.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Why do you want to go to the Finance Minister once again?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: They have to give us the money.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: My question is not answered. I want to know as to what was the original plan allocation sent to the Planning Commission. What was the objection of the Finance Ministry? What is the financial allocation now sent to the Planning Commission? My question is unanswered . . .(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let him answer.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: No finance can be allocated because this road has not been declared as a national highway. Unless and until this road is declared as a national highway, how can the plan allocation be done for a particular road which is not a national highway?

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: How can it go to the Planning Commission without allocating funds or without even giving an idea of the requirements of the funds? The Planning Commission only clears on the kilometres of the road without looking into the financial requirements. I am at a loss to understand as to how the Planning Commission will consider anything without knowing its financial requirements.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: It is not only the Finance Ministry; it is also the Defence Ministry and the Railway Ministry which come in the way. Anyway, we have obtained the concurrence of all these Departments. And then the actual declaration of the road is by a particular committee, the Pande Committee and apart from that, unless and until the 8th Plan clears the finances, how can we allocate roads like this?

SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY: It is wrong. The Minister is confusing the House. Before any proposal is submitted to the Planning Commission...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Is there somebody else to veto the Planning Commission's clearance also?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: an inter-departmental committee also will consider these proposals; the Ministry concerned has to clear the proposal. The inter-departmental committee has got to consider the proposal and it has got to clear is. And finally it will go to the Cabinet. Once the Planning Commission clears a proposal, it means it is almost final. Inclusion of the proposal in the 8th Plan is at the final stage. It is only a formality. Therefore, I say that since the Minister has cleared the proposal, since the Planning Commission has given its concurrence, there is no meaning in submitting the matter again to the Finance Ministry. The Finance Ministry's sanction was asked for and was obtained earlier before it was submitted to the Planning Commission.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Once the Finance Ministry raised certain objections, it has to be referred back to the Planning Commission.

SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY: But why should you refer to the Finance Ministry at all once the Planning Commission gave its concurrence?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: The Finance Ministry recommended that it should go back to the Planning Commission.

SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY: But why did you at all refer it to the Finance Ministry when the Planning Commission had already cleared it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. N.E. Balaram.

SHRI N.E. BALARAM: The Minister is not in a clear position about the exact state of afffairs of these two main roads. That is why he is confusing his answers. When it was recommended by

the Planning Commission, I would like to ask him what the reasons were which prompted the Finance Ministry to send it back to the Planning Commission. Is it because the two roads have no priority in your Plan? What was the main reason? These are link roads connecting Karnataka and Kerala. These are the only two link roads. And the question of these roads was raised even from the Sixth Plan onwards. Ultimately it was agreed to; the Planning Commission also concurred in on this question. Now what happened in between? This is what I would like the Minister to tell us.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : The total number of roads which the State Government has recommended to the Center runs into 32,380 kms to be declared as National Highway. We have a working group on roads for the 8th Plan which was constituted by the Planning Commission and it has recommended 12,000 kms as National Highway during the 8th Plan on the recommendations of the NTPC. No State-wise details have been given by the working Group to us. The actual addition would, however, depend upon the allocation available to the road sector made by the Planning Commisssion which is still not known to us.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : सभापति जी, अभी श्री गुरुपदस्वामी ने कहा कि the Minister is confusing the House. I say, no. The Minister is not confusing; the Minister is himself confused.

प्लानिंग कमीशन और फाइनेंस मिनिस्ट्री के भवर में मंत्री महोदय ऐसा फंस गये हैं कि उससे निकल नहीं पा रहे हैं और अपने आप कंफ्यूज्ड हैं ।

श्री सभापति : अब आप उबार दीजिये ।

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : मंत्री जी से मैं यह पूछना चाहती हूं कि प्लानिंग कमीशन और फाइनेंस मिनिस्ट्री के भवर से उबरकर वे दोबारा से सहमति प्राप्त करने के लिये प्लानिंग कमीशन के पास कब जा रहे हैं ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Till we know what the allocation in the 8th Plan is, how can I say which road I am going in for ? I must know the Planning Co mmission's allocation.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : एलोकेशंस से पहले आपको अपना जो मन बनाना पड़ेगा, क्या वह आपने बना लिया ?

श्री जगदीश टाइटलर : वह अभी मैंने बोला कि बारह हजार किलोमीटर जो पाण्डेय कमेटी ने क्लीअर कर रखी है, वह तो ऑलरेडी बना हुआ है।

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : माननीय सभापति जी, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह पूछना चाहती हूं कि कुछ राज्य ऐसे भी हैं कि केन्द्र सरकार से जो धनराशि प्राप्त होती है वह उसको ठीक से खर्च नहीं कर पाते। और वह लैप्स हो जाती है। इस संबंध में पिछले दिनों माननीय मंत्री जी ने एक सवाल के जवाब में यह बताया था कि बिहार के लिये केन्द्र सरकार से जो राशि आवंटित की गयी थी वह उसको खर्च नहीं कर पाये और वापिस आ गयी थी और हालांकि केन्द्र सरकार को शिकायत भी करते रहे। वह वापस आ गई थी, बल्कि केन्द्र सरकार को शिकायतें भी करते रहे। तो मैं निवेदन करना चाहती हूं कि राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के निर्माण के लिए जो धनराशि केन्द्र सरकार से आवंटित की जाती है, तो ऐसे राज्यों को अगली धनराशि आवंटित करते समय कुछ हिदायतें दी जाती हैं या नहीं दी जाती हैं ?

माननीय, इससे संबंधित मेरा दूसरा सवाल माननीय मंत्री जी से यह है कि इस खर्च में राज्य सरकार का अनुपात क्या होता है और केन्द्र सरकार का अनुपात क्या होता है। मंत्री जी यह भी बता दें कि जो मेरा पहला सवाल था कि जो राज्य इस राशि को खर्च नहीं कर पाते हैं, उसके लिए क्या अगली राशि के आवंटन के समय उन्हें कोई हिदायत दी जाती है या नहीं ? धन्यवाद ।

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Sir, this question relates to Karnataka. Any money which is not spent by a State comes back to the Centre and we are taking steps to see that the maximum amount of money is spent by the States.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 344.

Pending proposals for the development of Paradip Port

*344. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY :†
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what proposals are pending for approval with his Ministry for the development of Paradip Port ;

(b) what are the details with regard to the financial and technical viability of each such proposal ; and

(c) what is the view of his Ministry on each proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The following major proposals regarding development of Paradip Port at present are under consideration of the Ministry of Surface Transport.

(i) Construction of a Multi-purpose Berth at an estimated cost of Rs. 24·94 crores ;

(ii) Development of mechanised coal handling facilities for handling of thremal coal for the thermal, power plants in Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of Rs. 511·25 crores;

(iii) Development of Paradip Port for accommodating vessels upto 1.7 lakh DWT for export of 6 million tonnes of iron ore at an estimated cost of Rs. 566·00 crores.

(b) and (c) The proposals mentioned above are technically viable. The appraisal of the financial viability of the projects is under way.

SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Sir, the Minister has chosen to answer my question in a very selective manner. His ministry has confirmed that they have sent 37 proposals to the Planning Commission for approval in July, 1990, but the Minister has chosen not to mention that. Three of the most important projects are still lying in his Department. I would like to know from the honourable Minister whether, in view of the non-approval of any berth by the Central Government since 1986, he would like to approve these three major projects and allow the Paradip Port Trust to spend its surplus revenue on the execution of the major projects pending final approval by the Planning Commission.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Sir, approval in the Seventh Plan, 1985—90, was for an outlay of Rs. 42 40 crores and, as against this, an expenditure of 45·37 crores was incurred during the Seventh Plan period. The important schemes which were cleared during the Seventh Plan period were construction of a cargo berth, construction of a fertilizer berth, replacement of the bucket wheel reclaimer, replacement of the cargo-handling equipment, improvement and modification of iron ore berth. So, actually, in 1990-91, we had an outlay of Rs. 9·61 crores about which the honourable Member has asked. This was against the actual expenditure of Rs. 8·54 crores which was incurred. For 1991-92, there was an outlay of Rs. 39·65 crores which was made, but the actual expenditure went up to November 1991 is Rs. 30·48 crores and the total anticipated expenditure during this year is Rs. 20 crores. Now, we have formed a Working Group and the Working Group has come up with some important schemes in the Eighth Plan which would interest the honourble Member. These schemes are replacement of the existing iron ore-handling equipment which comes to about Rs. 25 crores, construction of two coal berths with mechanical handling facilities—Rs. 150 crores, construction of oil berth including replacement facilities—Rs 25 crores, acquisition of locomotives—Rs. 7·50 crores, extension of the existing railway tracks inside the port area—Rs. 5 crores and construction of multi-purpose cargo berth—Rs. 20 crores, and, Sir, any income in respect of the Port Trust is spent on the development of the port only.

SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Sir, I now come to my second supplementary. Sir, the multi-purpose cargo berth, which the honourable Minister has mentioned, has been lying with his Ministry for about one year or so. Could he assure me in this House that his Ministry would clear it and allow the Paradip Port Trust to utilise its surplus revenue to start that work ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Sir, in April 1989 the multi-purpose cargo berth proposal for Rs. 29·099 crores was made

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the house by Shri Pravat Kumar Samantaray.